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In re Application

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Title: INTERSPINOUS PROCESS APPARATUS  
AND METHOD WITH A SELECTABLY  
EXPANDABLE SPACER

PATENT APPLICATION

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136**

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Sir:

In the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated January 20, 2004, a shortened period for response was set to expire on March 20, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for an extension of time for responding to the Office Action up to and including May 20, 2004.

The amount of the petition fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17 is determined as follows:

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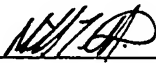
The other papers enclosed or associated with this communication include:

- ✓ A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application
- ✓ Declaration for Patent Application.
- ✓ "Small Entity" status for this application has previously been established.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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